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CLEVELAND, MO., WOMAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Cleveland, Mo., woman was sentenced in federal court today for her involvement in a methamphetamine conspiracy.

Cortney A. Longie, 24, of Cleveland, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to three years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 3, 2004, **Longie** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, **Longie** admitted that she conspired with others to manufacture methamphetamine between Aug. 1, 2001, and Aug. 30, 2002.

Specifically, **Longie** admitted that she occupied a hotel room on Aug. 17, 2001, at the Courtyard Marriot in Kansas City, and that she had in her possession a number of components associated with the manufacture of methamphetamine. The items included 16 blister packs containing pseudoephedrine, a shaker jug containing a liquid containing methamphetamine, coffee filters, iodine and lighter fluid, among other things.

On May 2, 2002, law enforcement officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that she occupied. At that time, Graves said, **Longie** possessed pseudoephedrine pills, coffee filters, acetone, iodine and tubing, all of which were intended for the use in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

A second traffic stop was conducted on Aug. 30, 2002, on a vehicle that **Longie** occupied. During that stop, law enforcement officers found additional components used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, including pseudoephedrine pills, Heet, coffee filters and hydrogen peroxide.

Law enforcement officers recovered enough pseudoephedrine to manufacture in excess of 50 grams of methamphetamine.

Longie is one of four co-defendants to be convicted in this case.

On April 29, 2004, **Raymond “Cory” Herndon**, 33, of Wea, Kan., pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy, admitting that he, too, conspired with others to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Aug. 1, 2001, and Aug. 30, 2002. He was sentenced to 11 years and three months in federal prison without parole on Nov. 1, 2004.

On Aug. 9, 2004, **John W. Dickenson**, 42, of Cleveland, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the possession of pseudoephedrine, knowing that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

On Aug. 10, 2004, **James A. Irvin**, 44, of Westline, Mo., also pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the possession of pseudoephedrine, knowing that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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